

### PRAHRAN JUNIOR NATURALISTS CLUB

On Tuesday, November 17, a preliminary meeting was held at the Prahran Children's Library, to test interest in the formation of a Junior Naturalists Club for that area. About 40 children and several adults were present, and the purpose of the proposed club was outlined to them.

Our President, Mr. A. A. Baker, spoke of experience gained with the Hawthorn Junior Club, and showed those present a series of geological specimens. Other exhibits included Barrier Reef shells and nature photographs from Mr. F. Lewis, and a representative series of useful natural history publications.

As it was apparent that live interest was there, the F.N.C.V. Council appointed a sub-committee comprising the President, Secretary and Editor, who conferred further on the subject with Miss E. Haynes, who has charge of the Prahran municipal libraries.

It was decided to invite membership from both children and adults, at a subscription fee of 2/6 per annum. The Club is to have a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Excursions Secretary who, with three other people, will form a committee of seven to organize and conduct activities.

Meetings will be held at 7.30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month (excluding January) and are to be conducted on the lines of those of the senior Club. At the next meeting, on December 15, Miss Ina Watson will give an illustrated talk on Central Australia. Senior Club members are invited to attend and lend support to the new body.

It is the opinion of the F.N.C.V. Council that a strong working Committee will need to be formed in the senior Club, to direct or actively support this and other youth activities. The matter will be put before the Club at the December General Meeting.

—N. A. WAKEFIELD.

### NATURE NOTES AND EXHIBITS

#### Entomology

A new species of Swift Moth (*Hepialidae*), from Ridgeway and Lenah Valley, Southern Tasmania; of which a preliminary description is given:

OENETES TAGGI, sp. nov. Male: Length  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches; width across wings 2 inches. Head, thorax and forewings brown suffused or overshot with green; on wings there are some obscure reddish spots, near hind margin and towards termen. Hind wings with apical part dark fuscous brown and the basal half flamingo. Female: Larger, pale green with pink markings.

—CHARLES G. OKE.

### WHAT, WHERE AND WHEN

#### Excursions:

Sunday, December 20—Botany Group Picnic at Fairy Dell. Take either 8.48 a.m. or 8.55 a.m. train to upper Ferntree Gully, then Monbulk bus to terminus. Bring two meals.

#### Preliminary Notice:

Monday, January 25—Australia Day—Parlor coach excursion to Lorne. Coach leaves Batman Avenue 8.15 a.m., returns 8.15 p.m. Fares 18/—, bookings with K. Atkins, Botanic Gardens, South Yarra, S.E.1.

[No Geology Group Meeting will be held in January.]

KENNETH W. ATKINS, Excursion Secretary.